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## Judge Rules That CIA Agent May Withhold Information

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BALTIMORE, April 29 — A United States district court judge ruled yesterday that a man who served as an agent for the Central Intelligence Agency need not divulge information dealing with his activities as an agent.

A \$110,000 slander suit against the agent, Juri Raus, grew out of his activities on behalf of the CIA.

Divulging further information "would be contrary to the security interests of the United States," the CIA said.

### Called Red Agent

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen made the ruling at a three-hour pretrial hearing in the suit, filed two years ago against Raus by Eerik Heine.

Heine of Rexdale, Ont., contended that Raus, Hyattsville, Md., called him an agent of the Soviet secret police. The two men are Estonian nationals.

Judge Thomsen set for May 13 arguments on a defense motion to dismiss the suit. The judge ruled that Raus did not have to give detailed information on the salary he received from the CIA. There had been frequent objections by lawyers for Raus, the CIA and the Federal Government.

The lawyers contended that Raus should not be forced to testify as to the "why, when, who and how" of alleged meetings with Federal Bureau of Investigation agents concerning Heine.

An affidavit signed by CIA

Director William F. Raborn was entered into the record of the hearing. It said that Raus "must respectfully decline to answer questions which would elicit information that relates to intelligence sources and methods which I have prohibited from disclosure."

### Immune to Suit

The affidavit repeated the agency's assertion that Raus had been carrying out its orders in discrediting Heine as "a dispatched Soviet intelligence operative, a KGB agent," and that Raus was therefore immune from suit.

The Government and Raus's lawyers, accordingly, have asked Thomsen to dismiss the slander suit summarily. They contend that a trial, which would require the CIA to produce witnesses in support of its allegations against Heine, would "not be in the interest of the security of the United States" because such appearances would further compromise the agency's secrecy.

Heine repeated to reporters yesterday his offer to "make myself available" for arrest by the FBI as a Soviet agent because "the trial would show I am innocent."

The FBI has declined to comment on its failure to apprehend a man that the intelligence agency asserts is a Soviet agent, a vocation that is, of itself, a violation of the federal Foreign Agents Registration Act even if the alleged agent performs no espionage.